

# United States Senate

May 22, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you today in support of Governor Brian Kemp's request for an extension of 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) status for the Georgia National Guard through July 31, 2020.

Soldiers and airmen of the Georgia National Guard have been critical in executing response and recovery efforts associated with the outbreak of COVID-19. Along with state, local, and federal partners, these men and women have made great progress in combating the pandemic through: infection control, support for public health laboratories, operation of testing sites, and other vital activities throughout the state.

Members of the Georgia National Guard have also set a national standard, training Guardsmen in fourteen other states on how to effectively treat long-term care facilities for infection control. We thank Vice President Pence for commending their excellent work during his visit to the state.

Extending 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) status will help ensure that members of the Georgia National Guard have the support they need as they continue to provide assistance to the people of Georgia. Their work will be instrumental as communities across the state work to safely reopen the economy.

Therefore, we ask that you direct the Office of Management and Budget, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Secretary of Defense to extend 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) authority for 3,000 members of the Georgia National Guard through July 31, 2020. As Governor Kemp stated, any federal assistance provided through this authority will be used efficiently and effectively.

Thank you for your strong leadership and continued support for the people of Georgia.

Sincerely,



Kelly Loeffler  
United States Senator



David A. Perdue  
United States Senator